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## TURKISH MAIN ARMY CHECKS FOES' ADVANCE

gars' Defeat Near Lule Burgas.

### PRINCE HAROLD ASKED MOTHER SUPERIOR TO TAKE NEW THRONE

Montenegrin Forces Join in Attack on City of Scutari.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 30 .today by news that a flerce engagement is in progress between Gen. Nasim Pasha's main Turkish army, just west of Lule Burgas, and the in- stroyed the orphans' home today. vading Bulgarian forces.

The government circulated reports that the Turks were driving the enemy backward, and that speedy victory is assured. Very little was known about the progress of the

Kiamil Pasha's appointment as grand vizier, succeeding Ghazi Mukhtar Pasha, who was permitted to resign was highly approved in diplomatic circles here. Kiamil has long been considered Turkey's foremost statesman.

#### Egyptian Prnce Shot.

Aziz Pasha, the Egyptian prince who ommanded the Turkish cavalry at commanded the Turkish cavalry at Kirk Kilissa, was shot here today for falling to make a better showing against the Bulgarians.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Of neither government nor unofficial queries concerning the Turko-Bulgarian hattle reported raging on the Erkene siver bank south by east of Adrianople was the slightest notice taken in Sofia today. Other European capitals reported themselves similarly ignored. The censor, it was considered clear, has completely bottled up the news and from the thoroughness with which it has been done the conclusion was drawn naturally that Bulgaria has met with reverses which it wishes to conceal.

Constantinople was more communicative. The reported battle, it was stated there, really is in progress. No details were given, however, beyond the assurance that the Turks believe the turning point has come, that the Bulgarians will soon be driven back across the frontier and that the Turks will then be free to dispose of Greece, Servia and Montenegro.

### Asked to Take Crown.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 30 .- Prince Harold, the King of Denmark's brother, has been asked by the Balkan states' diplo matic representatives here if he will accept the crown of the prospective kingdom of Macedonia, it was reported today. It was said he acquiesced.
The Balkan aliles' plan is understood

to be to make Macedonia an independent country, after wresting it from Turkey, and then to federate it with Bulgaria, Bervia, Montenegro, and Greece, as well as with Rumania, if it will join. King George of Greece has been mentioned as a candidate for president of the federation.

### Armies Join in Attack.

CETTINJE, Montenegro, Oct. 30.— Prince Danilo's and General Martino-vitch's Montenegrin armies, which have hitherto been operating separately effected a junction east of Scutari today and joined in the attack on the town.

### 6,000 Corpses Burned.

BELGRADE, Oct. 30.—Six thousand servian and Turkish corpses were piled in a heap, soaked in kerosene, and urned by the Servian victors following he recent battle of Kumanova, according to a message received from the front oday. There was no time to bury the lead.

Later, in an attempt to check the Servians who were following them to-ward Uskub, it was stated that the Turks fought from behind a breastwork Auras rought from behind a breastwork of heaped up corpses, mowing the Serv-fans down with their fire until the latter elimbed over the ghastly barrier and rounted its defenders in a hand-to-hand struggle.

### Servians Lose 4,000.

BUDAPEST, Oct. 20.—Servian losses of 4,000 killed and 7,000 wounded since fighting with Turkey began were semingaing with Turkey began were semi-officially admitted in dispatches from Belgrade today. Military men here be-lieve the actual number of victims is about twice what the Servians admit. The Bulgarians have refused to give out any figures, but it was estimated that their losses in killed and wounded thus far exceed 25,000.

Agree to Change Map. ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 30.—Russia and Austria have agreed on the changes (Continued on Fourth Page.)

WEATHER	RE	PORT.
FORECAST FOR	THE	DISTRIC

and colder tonight and Thurse TEMPERATURES.
U. S. BUREAU. | AFFLECK'S.
S. a. m. | 52 | 8 a. m. |
9 a. m. | 57 | 9 a. m. |
19 a. m. | 61 | 10 a. m. |
11 a. m. | 63 | 11 a. m. |
12 noon. | 74 | 12 noon. |
1 p. m. | 78 | 1 p. m. |
2 p. m. | 78 | 2 p. m. |

TIDE TABLE.
Today—High tide, 10:47 a.
p. m.; low tide, 5:03 a. m. a.
Tomorrow—High tide, 11:4
tide, 5:08 a. m. and 5:50 p.

11:10

Sun rises ..... 6:24 | Sun

# IN FIRE TRYING TO SAVE TOTS

Constantinople Hears of Bul- Ten Perish When Orphan Convicted Plotter of Gam-Asylum Burns in Texas.

### SACRIFICES LIFE

Sisters and Children Meet Death Death Penalty Will Be Delayed By When Floor Falls During Panic.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 30 .- Stx Wild enthusiasm was created here sisters of Charity of St. John's Orphan Asylum here, sacrificed their lives that they might save the children in their charge when a fire de- during the week beginning Decem-

> Despite the efforts of the sisters, two children were burned to death. Sing Sing at once, leaving on the Two of the women servants in the asylum also perished.

#### Sacrifices Own Life.

Mother Superior Mary of the Cross eliberately sacrified her life for the children. After leaving the burning rushed back. A moment later she appeared at a window with the child in

peared at a window with the child in her arms.

Fire Chief Wright put up a ladder to save them, but before he could reach the window, the floor gave way and Mother Mary and the child were hurled to their deaths in the flames.

Fire nets were stretched about the biulding and a score of children leaped to safety. Others apeared at the windows, hesitated, but were urged to leap by the slaters.

Sister Monica leaped from a window of one of the upper floors. She missed the fire net and was instantly killed.

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Sister Mary Kosta suffered a broke back and legs in jumping from the

The other sisters to perish were:
Sister Frances Posteur, native of
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Sister Monica Monnes, native of Mex-The names of the orphan children who

ism, quietly but quickly going from cot to cot awakening all of the little children. They were marshalled in the halls and toward the fire escapes, but in many instances the way to the outside escapes were cut off by the smoke and fiames.

Heedless of their own safety, the sisters hurried the children to the avenues of escape left open. Fire nets were spread, and many escaped by jumping. Fathers Hume and Duffy also risked their lives in saving the children. They rushed into the fiames and carried out many from the first and second floors. Sister Kotska was seriously injured. In addition to the suffering of a broken back, when she missed the life net in leaping, after all the children in her care had been taken to safety. She died an hour after being taken to a hospital. Fire Chief Wright declares that the sacrifice of the sisters alone saved the lives of the ninety children. But two of the sisters in the home escaped. The charred bodies of the victums were found shortly before noon today in the ruins.

Miss E. Standish and Miss A. Detemple, employed in the home, are in a hospital suffering from severe burns and bruises.

### STRIKE-BREAKERS REACH FLORIDA

Two Hundred Men From New York Imported To Defeat Jacksonville Strike.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 30.—Two hundred strikebreakers, chiefly from New York, arrived here on a special train this morning and are now housed at the street car company's barn awaiting developments.
No appreciable improvement has

taken place, and city remains in throes The company has reiterated its refusal to treat with the strikers and de-clares that normal conditions will prevall later in the day. No disorder is satisfipsted.

### Socialist Campaign Cost.

The National Socialist Congressional campaign committee, with headquarters at Chicago, filed a statement with the clerk of the House today, showing that for the period from May 21 to October 24. It had received contributions of 42, 755.48, and its total expenditures during that period had been \$40.624.

Reserve Your Tables at THE RALEIGH for after-the-theater Halloween. Spe-cial menus, appropriate decorations, and music. Prompt service.—AdvL

## **COURT DECIDES BECKER WILL DIE**

WEEK OF DEC. 9

bler's Death Goes to Sing Sing.

### HIS FAITHFUL WIFE **FAINTS UNDER STRAIN**

Action of Lieutenant's Lawyer.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.-Lieut. Charles Becker was today sentenced to death by Justice Goff, the execution to take place at Sing Sing prison

Sheriff Harburger took Becker to 11:50 a. m. train.

Becker stood alone at the bar. His faithful wife, to become a mother in January, had been denied permission to stand by his side. This denial was an act of mercy as the little woman collapsed utterly under the strain as she stood in the sheriff's office and slid to the floor in a dead faint. It was necessary to call physician to care for her.

The doomed man's brothers also remained outside of the court room and his chief counsel, John F. Mc-Intyre, was unable to be with him The strain of the trial had absolutely broken McIntyre, and it was said today that his doctor had warned him. if he hoped to live, he must leave New York for a long rest in another

### Rushed to Prison.

Becker was not given the usual per nission to stay in the Tombs following his sentence. Instead Sheriff Julius

The names of the orphan children who perished have not been learned. There were ninety children in the home, ranging in age from two to tweive years. The sixers apparently gave no thought to their own lives as they worked fearlessly in endeavoring to save their charges. The last of the sixers left the building only when the walls collapsed. The bodies of three sixers and the two thildren have not been recovered at a late hour today.

Two of the sisters were killed by jumping from the third story, both missing the life nets.

Sisters Show Heroism.

When the fire was discovered the blaze had gained great headway. A panic would certainly have followed had not the sisters showed the greatest heroism, quietly but quickly going from cot to cot awakening all of the little children. They were marshalled in the halls and toward the fire escapes, but in many instances the way to the outside escapes were cut off by the smoke and flames.

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Becker's Face Pale.

convicted murderer. Harburger was at his side with the handcuff which was attached to the former policeman's right wrist firmly clasped in his hand. Becker's face was pale and wan and there were great deep circles under his eyes and on his forehead which were ot there a week ago. A cynical smile played about his lips as he nodded to acquaintances at the press tables and then he waited.

There was a pause of a few seconds

"Charles Becker," he asked, reading the mandatory form prescribed in the case, "have you any legal cause to show why sentence of death should not be promounced?" ronounced?"
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Becker listened as though in a dase, but his attorney of record, John W. Hart, broke in:

"We move that this verdict be set aside because it is against the law and evidence," he began, and then he repeated the usual eight motions dealing with the case insisting that the verdict was improper, the court had erred in charging against the defendant, etc.

Justice Goff, whose face was unusually pale, replied in a voice that was hardly audible beyond the spot where the prisoner stood, denying each motion. Hart then asked for an arrest of judgment on the same grounds and when this was denied the formal sentence was announced by the court.

Sentence Is Imposed. Sentence Is Imposed.

"Charles Becker," began Goff and now his voice was clear and rang through the great room, "you have been found guilty of murder in the first degree and I hereby sentence You to the punishment fixed by law for that crime, You are hereby sentence You to the punishment fixed by law for that crime, You are hereby sentenced to death and I direct the sheriff of the county of New York to deliver you within ten days to the warden of the State prison at Sing Sing, where you will be kept in solitary confinement until the week of December 9, when the authorities of that prison will do execution on you in the manner prescribed by law." Almost before the words were out of the justice's mouth Harburger was about to snap them on the condemned man's wrists when he was sharply rebuked by the court, who directed him to wait until the legal formalities had been compiled with The death warrant was signed by the clerk and the Justice. Then Harburger put the irons on Becker, and he was rushed across the Bridge of Sighs and given a seat in the (Continued on Page Nine.)

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### Former President's Widow Engaged



### SHERMAN'S DEATH IS NOW EXPECTED AT ANY MINUTE

UTICA, N. Y., Oct. 30-Vice President Sherman this afternoon lapsed into a condition of coma and his death may occur at any minute.

This was announced after a formal bulletin from the bedside of the stricken man stated that his condition was desperate.

The last hope that the Vice President might improve, at east slightly, was shattered when the involved condition of his kidneys failed to respond to remdial measures, and i was announced uraemia had already a deadly hold on the

Dr. Peck, at the Vice President's bedside, issued this formal statement:

"Vice President Sherman gradually failing. The end will probably come tonight or tomorrow; it may twenty-four hours hence.

### Becker's Face Pale. Through the door at the rear of the convicted murderer. Harhurses of the convicted murderer. SOON TO MARRY COLLEGE MAN

Widow of Former President Madison Square Garden Ex-Announces Engagement At Princeton.

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 30.—The tele-graph messengers in this college town working overtime today. In addition extra help has been pressed into service, and the letter carrier is con sidering asking the Postoffice Department for authorization to rent an auto truck for several days. And all be cause Mrs. Grover Cleveland, one of the

cause Mrs. Grover Cleveland, one of the foremost of American women and widow of the former President, admits that she is to be wed soon after the first of the year to Thomas J. Preston, professor of archaeology and history at Wells College.

The telegrams and letters that are coming here represent the congratulations not alone of those who have had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Cleveland, but by the wellwshers who have admired her ever since as the "bride of the White House" she stepped squarely into the affection of the American people.

## COLONEL READY FOR NEW YORK'S GREAT MEETING

pected To Hold Its Largest Crowd.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Colonel Roose velt will speak tonight in Madison Square Garden to what the Progressive party's managers say will be the largest and most enthusiastic mass meet ing of the campaign.

That the Garden will be filled is assured, as it has been practically impossible to get tickets for several days

possible to get tickets for several days past.

Mr. Roosevelt will come to town this evening from Oyster Bay on a special car, in which he will have dinner. He will be taken to the Garden in an automobile, arriving probably after the speech making has begun. After the meeting he will return to Oyster Bay. A request has been made that the public abstain from trying to shake hands with him.

## GEORGETOWN GAS WINS POINT OVER LEITER'S COMPANY

Accomplishes Remarkable Feat in Cleaning Condenser Without Inconvenience to Customers.

### **ASKED TO PAY BIG PRICE** TO SECURE ACCOMMODATION

President Weaver, of the Georgetown Gas Company, announced this morning that his company had succeeded in getting its condenser into working order without the necessity of buying gas for a brief period from any other company.

For the first time in the history of gas making, so far as anybody in Washington knows, the company cleaned its condenser while hot. It was a plain case of accomplishing the almost impossible. A crew of men worked like Titans for eight hours, and at the end of the period, during which it was impossible for a man to stay at the task more than two or three minutes at a time, the work was done.

But that isn't the story. The curious circumstances that made it necessary for the Georgetown company to do such an unprecedened thing, have provided an illustration of the methods by which the Washington Gas Company carries on its warfare for control of the lighting industry in this city. The Georgetown people "put one over," a rather big one, on the Washington company, and President Leiter, of the latter corporation, failed in a clever scheme by which he attempted to get control of his smaller rival.

#### SOME CORPORATE HISTORY.

To go back a little into corporate history. The Georgetown company used to be simply an adjunct of the Washington. The latter owned, and still owns, a majority of stock in the Georgetown. But several years ago the two came to the parting of the ways. There was a quarrel. A board hostile to the Washington company came into management of the George-

It looked up the language of charters, talked to its lawyers, and ac nounced the conclusion that the Washington company had no right to own any stock in the Georgetown. The decision was that no dividends should be paid on those Georgetown shares which the Washington owned, and none has been paid since that time.

There are few things the Washington Gas Company likes better than dividends, and it received with pain and anguish this defiance of the small rival. Other stockholders in the Georgetown company got their dividends with regularity and precision, but the big Washington Gas Company was privileged to whistle for its share.

That was bad; but it wasn't all. The Washington Gas Company, in the good old days of amity and complete monopoly, used to explain that it would go broke if it couldn't have a dollar a thousand for gas. The Georgetown company, being a smaller concern, was permitted to collect \$1.25. After a time, reductions were extorted from the Washington company, which finally got the price down to 85 cents.

### MADE UNSOLICITED REDUCTION.

nest unprocessional thing. It reduces that process the spice, at one fell swoop, to 85 cents! Nobody compelled it to do so. It might have continued for an indefinite period getting a considerable higher price than the Washington, But, instead, it dropped to \$5 cents, and smashed the arguments of the big Washington company about the ruin that would ensue from about the ruin that would ensue from reduced prices. The Washington company does many times as much business as the other, and does it in an area where the business is much denser and expense consequently less. In short, this reduction by the Georgetown company, together with the fact that it went right on making money, constituted the complete proof that the Washington company could sell gas for 55 cents, or thereabouts, and still make good profits on legitimate capital.

This little demonstration added to the grievances of the Washington company. It wanted vengance. Between losing its dividends on Georgetown stock and having the Georgetown demonstrate that 85 cents is more than it ought to get for gas, the Washington company was quite too full for utterance.

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Then the incident of the condenser getting filled up with carbon. When this condition arises, as it is bound to do at intervals in the process of making gas, it is necessary to cool down the big retort, take out the lining of fire bricks, and replace them with new ones. It was theoretically impos-sible to do this without cooling down the condenser and that meant shutting off the manufacture of gas from some-where between twelve and twenty-

### DYNAMITE BOMB **EXPLODES IN HOTEL**

Five Men Thrown From Chairs and Others Hurt By Flying Debris.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 30.-Mystery surrounds the attempted destruction of the Hotel Almond here early today with a dynamite bomb. Plate glass windows were smashed, doors were blown to bits,

and flooring ripped up.

Five men sitting in the pool room of and one was atruck and injured by fly-

ing debris.

Reason for the attempt to wreck the building, according to the proprietors, is found in the rage of five men who were ejected about 1 o'clock because of their behavior. The police are investigating.

Then the Georgetown company did a eight hours. Before that time should most unprofessional thing. It reduced pass, the supply on hand might be exhausted, and a large section of the

eight hours. Before that time should pass, the supply on hand might be exhausted, and a large section of the city left without light or fuel.

So the Georgetown officials went over to Rossiyn, Va., and asked the company there to sell it gas during the period of the cleaning. At first the Rosslyn Company was amiably disposed; glad to do the business. The Cleorgetown people called on the District government to secure a waiver of the city's candlepower requirement during this brief time, and it was duly arranged. They went back to Rosslyn to complete arrangements.

But a change had come over the spirit of the Rosslyn company's dreams. It had been thinking matters over. Also, report says, it had been approached by an emissary of the Washington company, who had pointed out the impropriety of helping out the Georgetown company. The upshot was that the Rosslyn company made a preposterous proposition. to the effect that it wouldn't sell any gas at all unless it got a huge contract, for many times the amount that was needed, and other terms that made the thing impossible.

Leiter Had a Plan. As a last resort, the Georgetown peo-ple approached the Washington Gas of-ficials, and asked if they could save the day. Save it? President Leiter was all smiles and cheer. Glad to do it. All he asked was that four of the seven directors of the Georgetown company should resign, and let him name the

should resign, and let him name the men who would succeed them on the board!

What could be easier? There are seven directors of the Georgetown company, one of whom, W. B. Orme, is also secretary of the Washington company. Mr. Leiter wanted four of the others to drop out, and let him nominate their successors. In that event, the Washington company would have five of the Georgetown's seven directors, and those back dividends that the Washington hadn't been collecting would begin to look like available cash items.

The Georgetown people were non-plussed. They seemed to be hemmed in on all sides, It was only a matter of hours until they would be unable to force any more gas through their carbon-lined condenser. Folks west of Rock Creek didn't know it, fait they were right up face to face with going blind after sunset.

Then the Georgetown people bethought themselves of appealing to the District Commissioners. A delegation of them, headed by Richard H. Goldsborough, who used to be a power in the Washington company but has latterly devoted himself to the Georgetown concern, and is an enthusiastic opponent of the Washington company's present management, went to the District building to see if the Commissioners couldn't help them out.

Of course, if there were a public utilities commission in this town, such things couldn't happen. But there isn't. The people who are doing just such stunts as this Washington Gas hold-up, and the attempted inflation of public (Continued on Page Nine.)

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